

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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atom %, a protective layer, and a lubricating layer, all of said layers being coated on at least one of the surfaces of a flexible support member with a thickness of 30 - 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , whereby the thickness of the seed layer is 5 - 100 nm, and the linear expansion coefficient ( $E_{SE}$ ) of the seed layer and the linear expansion coefficient ( $E_{UL}$ ) of the nonmagnetic primer layer satisfy the relation:  $|E_{SE} - E_{UL}|/E_{UL} < 0.3$ , and the tensile strength ( $S_{SE}$ ) of the seed layer and the tensile strength ( $S_{UL}$ ) of the nonmagnetic primer layer satisfy the relation:  $S_{SE}/S_{UL} > 1$ .

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:**

**Please substitute the following Abstract for that shown on page 23:**

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